



**West Company
Ukiah, CA**

Project Title	West Company IDA Program
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AFI Grant Amount	\$47,058
Nonfederal Support	\$47,058
Project Period	September 2003 – September 2008
Highlights	West Company is expanding its existing AFI Project and offering 30 IDAs, including 21 for microenterprise and 9 for homeownership. The match rate is \$2 to \$1, up to \$1,000 in participant savings deposited over a 24 month period. Core training is provided, along with employment support, childcare, crisis management, mentoring, peer support, counseling, and credit repair.
Target Population	Individuals in Mendocino County, California who have worked with West Company to develop microenterprises.
Grantee/Collaborative Description	West Company is a microenterprise service organization founded in 1988. Partner agencies include community colleges and various human services and job empowerment agencies. National Bank of the Redwoods contributed a \$25,000 grant for the nonfederal match. Additional support comes through the Federal Home Loan Bank program. California FarmLink provided \$8,000 in matching funds to help support farm-related microenterprises. National Bank and Humboldt Bank waived account fees and reduced the minimum opening balance requirement for IDA participants.